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CHRISTMAS is a demanding time of season for the professional footballer. Not only does he often face a crowded programme; he also has to beware of over indulgence in the festive spirit.

It takes a lot of self-discipline not to eat, drink and be merry with the rest of your family, but it is important to retain a sense of proportion.

I shall be appealing to my players not to overboard in the week or so ahead but, in the end, it will be down to their own sense of professionalism. The tendency to overdo things will exist, but it will also show if taken advantage of too much.

We have four games to complete in 11 days and every member of the playing staff will need to be properly prepared, not just those currently in the side. Injuries can strike at any time so a full squad must be available.

Because of the temptations to eat and drink rather more than usual and to stay up that extra hour, Christmas can often produce strange results with plenty of goals.

We are in a position to pick up a few points over the holiday period and I hope we

meet teams who have had too much Christmas pudding rather than we be the victims of the trap.

I have something of a soft spot for our visitors tonight from Wigan. I was brought up near the area and know the people well. The club's election to the Football League was nothing more than they deserved and I wish them well.

They are probably still coming to terms with the Fourth Division, but enthusiasm remains high and they have returned some good results after a poor start, in which they gained only one point from their first five League games.

Now they have attained a comfortable position to give themselves confidence and encouragement, although I suspect the levelling-out period has still to come.

The Staffordshire Senior Cup may not figure high in our priorities, but it was disappointing, nevertheless, to lose to Stafford Rangers with another late goal. I felt we deserved a better fate but the game proved a good test and I was particularly pleased with the performances of John Kelly, Iari Elsy and Andy Proudlove.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU ALL.

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No prizes for guessing the Santa Claus in our Christmas picture. Neville Chamberlain dons the famous red robes and white beard to join the rest of the players in wishing all supporters a Very Happy Christmas and Prosperous New Year.

Vale Park NEWS DESK

By ANDREW WATERHOUSE

● A GROUNDSMAN'S job can be a thankless task, especially during the heavy season. He has to toil through a variety of weather conditions in his efforts to produce a pitch suitable for good football.

● It is probably fair to say that we have more skill in the Vale side now than for many years, which throws an added responsibility on the groundsman as the players require a good surface to bring out the best in their abilities.

● OUR groundsman, Doug Foster, and his assistant Steve Rowley, spare no effort in their attempts to keep the pitch in good condition and any success that is achieved this season will, in no small way, reflect on the many hours' work put in by the ground staff.

● AMONG the visitors to last week's Staffs. Senior Cup tie with Stafford Rangers was former Vale favourite Ronnie Wilson, now back in the area after spending eight years in South Africa. Ronnie was a member of the Vale team promoted in 1969/70 and went on to enjoy further success in Cape Town.

● VALE players and members of the staff held their Christmas party at the Gatehouse, New-castle and a good time was had by all. Goalkeeper John Connaughton was singled out for a "This is your Life" sketch, admirably compered by Gerry Keenan.

● Finally, on behalf of the Directors, players and staff, I should like to wish all our supporters a very Happy Christmas.

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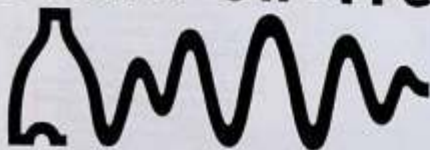


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Commercial View

SOME 18 months ago, the Vale "200 Club" was launched and tonight at half-time we celebrate the third £1,000 draw involving the members.

At the start, in June of last year, 200 people enrolled as members of the club, paying £3.00 per month for the chance in the monthly draw. This offered prizes of £100, £50 and £25 with the £1,000 bonanza being drawn every six months.

In recent times, a few of the original members have dropped out of the running and their places are now available to anyone who is tempted to join.

Payment is made either by monthly bankers order or, for those who prefer it, by a six or 12-month subscription. Alternatively, members can pay cash in advance of each monthly draw.

Anyone wishing to participate in this scheme is invited to contact me at the Promotions office, where they will be given full details. A lot of people have already found it a worthwhile exercise.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity of wishing everyone with Vale at heart a Merry Christmas and Prosperous New Year. A special thank-you and best wishes go to all our development fund agents and staff.

ROY COPE, Commercial Manager.

Supporters Club

CHRISTMAS is a happy time for all and no doubt we will all be happy if, after our four-match programme, we have collected a good points haul.

On that note, I would like to wish all Vale staff, supporters and anyone connected with the club all the very best for the festive season and a prosperous New Year.

I think it is fair to say that, if nothing else, the past year has been eventful in more ways than one. We lost our Third Division status, which saddened all concerned, but looking at the present playing staff maybe the drop to the Fourth will prove to be the starting block of a brighter future.

The Supporters Club did not escape during this period without suffering from the backlash of an unsuccessful season. In fact, for a spell, its very survival was in question.

This, however, was overcome with the formation, last March, of a new, smaller committee which has done everything within its power to get the club back on its feet. To this committee I would like to express my sincere thanks.

You, too, could also help by joining the now increasing membership — as the maxim goes: "the more the merrier", and at this time of year who wants to be anything else?

BILL LODEY,
Chairman.

Fourth Division Flashes

- **Highest Gate:** 12,944 — Barnsley v. Torquay (12th September, 1978).
- **Lowest Gate:** 985 — Halifax versus Crewe (30th September, 1978).
- **Biggest Home Win:** Aldershot 6 Bradford City 0 (12th September, 1978).
- **Biggest Away Win:** Crewe 1, Port Vale 5 (25th August, 1978).
- **Highest Aggregate:** York City 5,

Portsmouth 3 (22nd August, 1978).

- **Hat Tricks:** Jolley (Barnsley), Hemmerman (Portsmouth), Wright (Port Vale), Cork (Wimbledon).
- **Leading Scorers:** 16 Cork (Wimbledon); 13 Hemmerman (Portsmouth); 12 Lee (Stockport); 10 Earles (Reading), Coyne (Crewe), Dungworth (Aldershot), Bradd (Stockport); 9 Randall (York), Cooke (Bradford City), Wright (Port Vale).

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1978

AUGUST										Score	Gate
12	CHESTER (LC1)	...	...	...	...	H	1	1	3	Wright	2,804
16	CHESTER (LC1)	...	...	...	...	A	1	1	1	Wright	3,741
19	SCUNTHORPE UNITED	...	...	...	...	H	2	2	2	Wright, Bromage	3,025
22	WIMBLEDON	...	...	...	...	A	0	1	1	Wright 3, Bloor, Beamish	2,638
25	CREWE ALEXANDRA	...	...	...	...	A	5	1	1		4,413

SEPTEMBER										Score	Gate
2	ROCHDALE	...	...	...	...	H	1	1	1	Beamish	3,220
9	ALDERSHOT	...	...	...	...	H	1	1	1	Beamish	3,045
16	DONCASTER ROVERS	...	...	...	...	A	3	1	1	Beamish, Bromage, Todd	3,405
16	PORTSMOUTH	...	...	...	...	A	0	2	2		9,937
23	AFC BOURNEMOUTH	...	...	...	...	H	1	2	2	Griffiths (Pen.)	3,140
23	NORTHAMPTON TOWN	...	...	...	...	H	2	2	2	Chamberlain, 2	3,245
30	HEREFORD UNITED	...	...	...	...	A	0	1	1		3,963

OCTOBER										Score	Gate
7	GRIMSBY TOWN	...	...	...	...	H	1	1	1	Chamberlain	3,433
14	HALIFAX TOWN	...	...	...	...	A	3	0	0	Wright 2, Tully	1,591
18	BRADFORD CITY	...	...	...	...	A	1	1	1	Sutcliffe, Wright, Healey	4,136
21	TORQUAY UNITED	...	...	...	...	H	1	2	2	Todd	4,108
28	DARLINGTON	...	...	...	...	A	0	4	4		1,793

NOVEMBER										Score	Gate
4	HARTLEPOOL UNITED	...	...	...	...	H	2	0	0	Chamberlain, Beech	3,195
11	ROCHDALE	...	...	...	...	A	1	0	0	Keenan	1,882
11	CRUICK ALEXANDRA	...	...	...	...	H	2	2	2	Farrell (pen.), Healy	4,607
25	BRADFORD CITY (F.A. 1)	...	...	...	...	A	0	1	1		5,625

DECEMBER										Score	Gate
9	STOCKPORT COUNTY	...	...	...	...	H	2	1	1	Wright, Farrell (pen.)	3,689
22	WIGAN ATHLETIC	...	...	...	...	H	...	...	...		
25	BARNLEY	...	...	...	...	A	...	...	...		
30	NEWPORT COUNTY	...	...	...	...	A	...	...	...		

1979

JANUARY									
1	HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	...	...	...	...	H	...	...	...
6	DONCASTER ROVERS (3)	...	...	...	...	H	...	...	...
13	ALDERSHOT	...	...	...	...	A	...	...	...
20	PORTSMOUTH	...	...	...	...	H	...	...	...
24	LEAGUE CUP (SF)	...	...	...	...	A	...	...	...
27	AFC BOURNEMOUTH (4)	...	...	...	...	A	...	...	...

FEBRUARY									
3	NORTHAMPTON TOWN	...	...	...	...	A	...	...	...
10	HEREFORD UNITED	...	...	...	...	H	...	...	...
13	YORK CITY	...	...	...	...	A	...	...	...
17	GRIMSBY TOWN (5)	...	...	...	...	A	...	...	...
24	HALIFAX TOWN	...	...	...	...	H	...	...	...

MARCH									
3	TORQUAY UNITED	...	...	...	...	A	...	...	...
10	DARLINGTON (6)	...	...	...	...	H	...	...	...
17	HARTLEPOOL UNITED (LCF)	...	...	...	...	A	...	...	...
24	WIMBLEDON	...	...	...	...	H	...	...	...
27	SCUNTHORPE UNITED	...	...	...	...	A	...	...	...
31	READING (SF)	...	...	...	...	A	...	...	...

APRIL									
7	YORK CITY	...	...	...	...	H	...	...	...
13	WIGAN ATHLETIC	...	...	...	...	H	...	...	...
14	BARNLEY	...	...	...	...	A	...	...	...
16	HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	...	...	...	...	H	...	...	...
21	NEWPORT COUNTY	...	...	...	...	H	...	...	...
24	BRADFORD CITY	...	...	...	...	H	...	...	...
27	STOCKPORT COUNTY	...	...	...	...	A	...	...	...

MAY									
5	READING	...	...	...	...	H	...	...	...

VISITORS

... WIGAN ATH.

JOHN BROWN (Goalkeeper). Gained experience with Preston and Stockport before dropping out of the Football League two seasons ago to join Wigan. Now proving himself again at League level.

KEVIN SMART (Defender). Youngster signed in the close season on a free transfer from Plymouth, having played in both the Second and Third Divisions for the West Country club.

JOE HINNIGAN (Defender). Merseysider who cost Wigan a four-figure fee when transferred from South Liverpool. Now in his fourth season at Springfield Park.

NOEL WARD (Central Defender). Tall, commanding central defender from Strabane, Northern Ireland. Played for Portadown and then moved on to Abadeen. Joined Wigan two seasons ago and has been the mainstay of the defence. Also emergency goalkeeper.

DAVID FRETWELL (Central Defender). Joined Wigan on returning from a summer season in the United States. Previously played for Bradford City and had well over 150 games for the Valley Paraders.

TOMMY GORE (Midfield). Now in his fifth season with Wigan, having been signed from Tranmere. Was "Player of the Year" last term and when Wigan met Tranmere in the League Cup at the start of the season it was Gore, appropriately enough, who scored their first goal. Possesses a power drive.

FANK CORRIGAN (Midfield). Skilful midfield operator who joined Wigan from Northwich Victoria last season and quickly became a favourite at Springfield Park.

JEFF WRIGHT (Midfield). Tall, midfielder who played N.P.L. soccer for Netherfield before joining Wigan four seasons ago. Creative player who also scores a fair quota of goals.

PETER HOUGHTON (Forward). Powerful centre-forward who was signed by Wigan last season from South Liverpool and scored 10 goals in 17 games. Had an injury set-back in the early part of the term.

MICK MOORE (Forward). Returns to Vale Park having spent a brief spell with the club. Was signed by former Vale manager Bob Smith just before last season's transfer deadline but failed to score in his 13 senior games. Went back to Wigan early this season for a small fee.

IAN PURDIE (Forward). Scottish under-23 international who saw service with Aberdeen, Dundee and Motherwell before moving south to Wigan on a free transfer in the summer. Has proved a useful acquisition.

DEREK BROWNBILL (Forward). Needs no introduction to Vale Park, having spent three years with the Vale club in which he made almost 100 senior appearances. Spent the summer in the States with Cleveland and joined Wigan on his return.

THE CLUB

WHEN the Football League clubs first cast their votes on re-election and applications at last summer's annual meeting, Wigan and Southport were deadlocked with 26 apiece.

The second ballot separated them, with the Northern Premier League club triumphing by 29 to 20, so Wigan were admitted to the competition at their 35th attempt in 46 years.

Club chairman Mr. Arthur Horrocks, associated with every bid, commented on that momentous day last June: "League football must never be allowed to leave this town again".

Wigan prepared for their successful application in a thorough manner. Mr. Horrocks and manager Ian McNeil visited all the First and Second Division clubs, who have most of the votes, to gain their support.

Formed by 11 local businessmen in 1932, Wigan Athletic took over as soccer standard bearers in a Rugby League stronghold from Wigan Borough, who had gone into liquidation early in the 1931/32 season in the old Third Division (North).

Since the formation of the Northern Premier League some 10 years ago, Wigan finished in the top three eight times. "We have run a non-League club as a League club and it has paid off", says Mr. Horrocks.

Manager McNeil thinks there is little difference between the N.P.L. and the Fourth Division. "The players are enjoying life. There is no more skill or pace in the Fourth, just that wee bit more aggression.



Back Row : K. Smart, P. Houghton, N. Davids, G. Gay, J. Brown, F. Corrigan, N. Ward, J. Hinnigan, J. Wright, Front Row : I. McNeill (Manager), A. Crompton, I. Seddon, T. Gore, I. Gillibrand, J. Wilkie, I. Purdie, K. Banks (Trainer).

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FLASH - BACK

NEARLY 10,000 PEOPLE flocked to Vale Park when Wigan Athletic were last visitors on November 18th, 1969.

Occasion was an F.A. Cup, first round replay. The two teams had drawn 1-1 at Wigan three days earlier and snow had to be cleared from the pitch for the second meeting.

Again the result was a draw, with Wigan twice coming from behind to level at 2-2 in extra time, and Vale eventually won through in a third match at Old Trafford.

Vale went ahead in 48 minutes when Morris played the ball out of defence to Wookey, whose good run along the right wing led to a low cross, which was steered home by Tommy McLaren.

Twenty minutes later, a bad pass by John Green presented Fleming with the equaliser and the game went into extra time with Boulton pushed into the Vale attack.

Vale regained the lead in 96 minutes; Green, Logan and Morris combined to provide the centre from which Roy Sproson scored a magnificent goal at the far post.

But Wigan were not dead. Only four minutes later Vale failed with an offside appeal and Fleming pulled the ball back for Fielding to slot home.

PORT VALE — Ball: Boulton, Wilson, King, Sproson, Green, McLaren, Stuart, Chapman, Wookey, James. Sub: Logan.

WIGAN — Reeves; Morris, Sutherland, Gillibrand, Coutts, Ledgard, Savage, Fielding, Cairney, Fleming, Breen Sub: Ross. Attendance: 9,703.

THE MANAGER . . .

Scot IAN McNEIL is in his second spell of management at Springfield Park and gave up his job as a representative of an industrial chemical company to go full-time when Wigan were elected to the Football League last summer.

It was a return to the League for Mr. McNeil, who had a lengthy spell as an inside-forward with Leicester City and Brighton during his playing days.

On retiring, he went back to his native Scotland with Ross County and gained further managerial experience with Wigan and Salisbury before going back to Ross.

Mr. McNeil went to Springfield Park again two seasons ago to help steer Wigan into the Fourth Division. He says: "We have the potential to build a first class ground; we have the potential support, as this season's gates have already shown; and we have the potential to build a good side."

Man in the Middle



KEN BAKER of Rugby, began refereeing in 1959 and reached the Football League line eight years later. He has been on the full list for several years.

Mr. Baker was a linesman in the Northern Ireland v Wales match in 1975 and also the Fulham v Birmingham semi-final in the F.A. Cup. In 1977 he officiated at the F.A. Charity Shield match between Manchester United and Liverpool.

A married man with four children, Mr. Baker is a security and services executive at the National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham. He spent 12 years in the police force and plays tennis for his local police team.

Mr. Baker is chairman of both the Rugby and District Referees Association and Rugby and District Junior League; he is also an executive committee member of the Football League Referees' and Linesmen's Association (Midlands Section).

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SCENE

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Pompey: Class will tell

ALTHOUGH the Fourth Division may not be renowned for its level of skill, it is considered opinion that the teams who attain most success are those who attempt to play football.

It is certainly a view shared and pursued by our own manager here at Vale Park, Dennis Butler, and one reinforced on radio recently by Jimmy Dickinson whose Portsmouth team are doing rather nicely in the promotion at present.

Questioned on the reasons behind Pompey's success, Mr. Dickinson replied: "Class will always tell regardless of whatever division you play in. We at Portsmouth play football and we have not come across anyone better at it. It is not without significance therefore, that we are doing well."

Portsmouth — in dire financial straits only last term — are also reaping the benefit through the Fratton Park turnstiles.

Pompey's last eight games, including a cup-tie against Northampton, have been played to attendances of over 10,000 and the club soon expect to pull in the Fourth's best crowd of the season.

This is currently held by Barnsley with nearly 13,000 against Torquay last September but Portsmouth are confident of topping that figure if they maintain their momentum. Mr. Dickinson feels that 15,000 is comfortably within Pompey's reach.

Allan Clarke, boss of high-flying Barnsley added to his strike force with £25,000 outlay on 6ft forward Tommy Graham, from Aston Villa.

Graham is the 23-year-old younger brother of Leeds and Scotland winger Arthur Graham and although he did not score on his debut in the 3-0 win at Rochdale, the new boy did well.

Mr. Clarke had Graham in his plans for Barnsley's cup-tie at Rotherham last Saturday until it was pointed out that the player was not eligible, having failed to serve the 14-day registration period.

The Barnsley boss is not accustomed to playing in the earlier stages of the Cup and commented: "I was under the impression that this rule did not operate until the third round". Still learning, Sniffer!

Blow for Wigan was the loss of their only experienced goalkeeper, John Brown, at Darlington, where he was hurt in a collision with home forward Ron Ferguson.

Brown was carried off midway through the first half, but central defender Noel Ward proved an able deputy in a 1-1 draw. Scorer for Wigan was Mick Moore with his first goal since returning to League football with Vale last March.



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Division 4 Placings

With the half-way stage approaching, the promotion race is beginning to take shape with a two-point gap showing after the leading 6 places. Top teams are also finding consistency, although the Christmas programme will prove a testing time.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	CP
Wimbledon	20	12	6	2	35	21	30	14
Reading	20	11	6	3	34	17	28	17
Portsmouth	20	12	3	5	32	16	27	16
Barnsley	19	10	6	3	28	13	26	15
Aldershot	20	8	9	3	25	16	25	9
Gainsley T.	20	10	4	6	31	21	24	10
Wigan	20	9	4	7	22	19	22	3
Bournemouth	19	7	6	6	20	14	20	6
Hereford	20	7	6	7	29	24	20	5
Stockport C.	19	7	6	6	30	26	20	4
PORT VALE	19	7	6	6	24	25	20	-1
Terquay	19	9	2	8	24	24	19	-1
Scunthorpe	20	7	5	8	23	27	19	-5
Hartlepool	19	6	7	6	22	27	19	-6
York	19	8	3	8	19	25	19	-6
Huddersfield	20	6	6	8	21	23	18	-2
Northampton	20	6	6	8	29	32	18	-3
Newport C.	20	6	6	8	25	29	18	-4
Bradford C.	19	8	2	9	26	31	18	-5
Darlington	20	5	6	11	21	26	16	-5
Doncaster R.	20	5	6	9	22	29	16	-7
Crewe Alexandra	20	3	8	9	20	37	14	-17
Rochdale	20	2	6	12	11	35	10	-24
Halifax T.	21	1	5	16	14	38	7	-24

As at December 17th, 1978.

Games & Goals

Appearances and goals scorers in First Team and Lancashire League games by members of the professional staff :-

Names by members of the professional team		1st TEAM			RESERVES		
		FL	L/C	FA	Gls	L/L	Gls
BEECH	...	2	—	1	1	4	—
BENNETT	...	—	—	—	—	—	—
BENTLEY	...	16	2	1	—	1	—
BLOOR	...	5	—	1	1	4	—
BROMAGE	...	11	1	—	2	5	1
CHAMBERLAIN, N	...	12	2	—	4	1	1
*CHAMBERLAIN, M	...	—	—	—	—	6	1
CONNAUGHTON	...	14	2	1	—	—	—
DANCE	...	5	—	—	—	10	—
DULSON	...	—	—	—	—	11	1
ELSBY	...	—	—	—	—	6	—
FARRELL	...	3	—	1	2	—	—
GRIFFITHS	...	7	1	—	1	9	3
HARRIS	...	4	—	1	—	8	1
HAWKINS	...	18	2	1	—	—	—
HEALY	...	9	—	1	2	—	—
KEENAN	...	12	—	1	1	—	—
*LEESE	...	—	—	—	—	1	—
LOWNDES	...	—	—	—	—	4	—
PROUDLOVE	...	—	—	—	—	4	1
SINCLAIR	...	—	—	—	—	8	1
SPROSON	...	18	1	—	—	—	—
STENSON	...	9	2	—	—	7	3
SUTCLIFFE	...	7	—	—	1	7	2
TODD	...	14	—	1	2	—	—
TULLY	...	4	—	1	1	1	—
WRIGHT	...	19	1	1	9	—	—

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1978 AUGUST

			F	A
19	CREWE ALEXANDRA RES.	A	4	0
26	CARLISLE RES.	H	2	0

SEPTEMBER

2	ROCHDALE RES.	A	1	0
16	MANCHESTER CITY 'A'	H	3	1
23	LIVERPOOL 'A'	A	1	1
30	BOLTON 'B'	H	3	0

OCTOBER

3	WREXHAM RES.	A	3	2
14	STOCKPORT COUNTY RES.	H	2	2
21	BOLTON 'B'	A	2	0
28	TRANMERE ROVERS RES.	H	1	1

NOVEMBER

4	BLACKPOOL 'A'	A	2	1
11	BRADFORD CITY RES.	H	5	0
25	EVERTON 'A'	A	1	0

DECEMBER

9	WIGAN ATHLETIC RES.	A	1	3
16	MACCLESFIELD RES.	A		
27	EVERTON 'A'	H		
30	ROCHDALE RES.	H		

1979 JANUARY

		F	A
5	STOCKPORT COUNTY RES.	A	
13	WIGAN ATHLETIC RES.	H	
20	MANCHESTER UNITED 'A'	A	
27	WREXHAM RES.	H	

FEBRUARY

3	SOUTHPORT RES.	H	
17	BLACKPOOL 'A'	H	
23	TRANMERE ROVERS RES.	A	

MARCH

3	CHESTER RES.	H	
10	OLDHAM RES.	A	
17	MACCLESFIELD RES.	H	
24	CARLISLE RES.	A	
31	LIVERPOOL 'A'	H	

APRIL

7	BRADFORD CITY RES.	A	
11	CREWE ALEXANDRA RES.	H	
14	MORECAMBE RES.	A	
17	MANCHESTER UNITED 'A'	H	
21	SOUTHPORT RES.	A	
28	MORECAMBE RES.	H	

MAY

5	CHESTER RES.	A	
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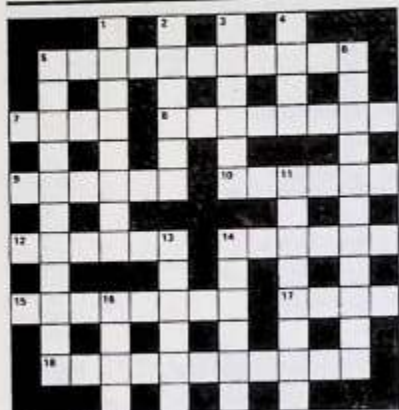


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Word Game



Your Clues . . .

ACROSS

5. A means of betting on course, of course (11)
7. Spun for choice (4)
8. Man. Utd. and England forward (1, 7)
9. 'Tee' time for par (2, 4)
10. Get set for this game (6)
12. In other words — the reserves (6)
14. Attack on the goalkeeper that could be costly (6)
15. Put this forward for maximum benefit — like George did (4, 4)
17. Rock not popular with this race (4)
18. The occasion for some heavy drinking? (4, 7)

DOWN

1. Rugby player in a somewhat aloof position (5, 3)
2. No title for this person — sympathy maybe (1, 5)
3. The view of a spectator (6)
4. The quality that is outstanding (4)
5. From say 'angle' what could be more peaceful on a summer's day? (5, 6)
6. Sat, but all too often seen on football grounds nowadays (7, 4)
11. Suspiciously low blow (4, 4)
13. Cross these for a bout (6)
14. Eliminate (3, 3)
16. Jacklin, Gregg, Currie (4)

Solution in next issue of the Match Magazine

Answers from previous Crossword :—

ACROSS

5. Cesarewitch, 7. Ball, 8. Breeding, 9. Sponge,
10. Leg Bye, 12. Egg Cup, 14. Took on, 15. Double up,
17. Sets, 18. Sir V. Sassoon.

DOWN

1. As a tonic, 2. Treble, 3. A wheel, 4. Stud, 5. Clay Pigeons, 6. Henry Cotton, 11. Good shot, 13. Please,
14. Typist, 16. Borg.

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..... Gerry KEENAN 2	Kevin SMART
..... Bill BENTLEY 3	Joe HINNIGAN
..... Ken TODD 4	Tommy GORE
..... David HARRIS 5	Noel WARD
..... Graham HAWKINS 6	Dave FRETWELL
..... Kevin TULLY 7	Frank CORRIGAN
..... Peter FARRELL 8	Jeff WRIGHT
..... Bernie WRIGHT 9	Peter HOUGHTON
..... Neville CHAMBERLAIN 10	Mickey MOORE
..... Felix HEALY 11	Ian PURDY
..... 12	

Referee: Mr. KEN BAKER — Rugby

Linesmen: Mr. J. E. BIDDLE — Solihull (Red Flag)

Mr. F. G. MARCH — Telford (Orange Flag)

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